

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 6 Kathleen Dromgool
Bro Oswald (Wall)
Hugh William (Bill) Barnaby
Merle Pamela Williams (Nana of Rachel Williams)
- 8 Anne Ingram
Maisie Ellen Colgan
- 9 Margaret Geraghty
- 10 John Verner

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Altar Flower Donations

We sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations towards the altar flowers. Your support is truly appreciated!
A donation box for Church altar flowers will be available at the back of the church and collected after each weekend Mass. Your contributions help keep our altar beautiful and welcoming. Any donations or assistance are deeply valued—thank you for your continued support.

Saints of the week

Monday, 6th of July :- Saint Maria Goretti
Saint Isaiah

Tuesday, 7th of July :- Saint Willibald

Wednesday, 8th of July :- Saint Procopius

Thursday, 9th of July :- Saints Veronica Giuliani

Friday, 10th of July :- Saint Secunda and Rufina

Saturday, 11th of July :- Saint Benedict

Sunday, 12th of July :- Saint Nabor and Felix



Support for Families

If any family in our community needs help or support, please feel free to contact **Litia Lockington** – 021 0832 9971 or **Clare Williams** – 021 178 0667

We kindly invite those who are able to contribute to our food basket as a simple act of generosity and care for families in need. Your kindness can bring comfort and support to those who may be struggling.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Tuakau

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A, July 5 2026



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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm

Wed & Fri, 11:00 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:30 to 4:45 pm or by appointment

Anointing of the sick:

First Friday, during Mass at 11:00 am

Facebook:

StAndrewsCatholicChurch-

I am Gentle and Humble of Heart

Entrance Antiphon

Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

R/. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 1:14:12 Alleluia, Alleluia! **Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION –FAITH



*“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”—
Matthew 11:28–29*

Jesus reminds us that faith is not about carrying heavier burdens but about trusting the One who carries them with us. When life feels overwhelming, we are invited to come to Him with humble hearts, knowing that His grace brings peace, strength, and true rest.

CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:

What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What is Pope Leo doing and saying? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at: <https://cathnewsnz.com/>

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

IN the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742.
website: www.dove.org.nz

OneLicense exciting Update. Are you struggling to have musicians to play at each Mass? OneLicense has launched a new Recorded Audio License. With this add-on you can legally play master recordings and self-produced recordings in worship services, embed them into slides, and more! For more information please see <https://www.onelicense.net/how-it-works#recorded-audio> If you wish to add one on to your current license, please email your Auckland Diocese Group Manager Tina Coll on tinac@cda.org.nz

Mothers Group: All mothers and their children under the age of 5 are invited to "St Gianna's Mothers and Children Group". The morning starts with an element of formation and group discussions while your children enjoy a safe area to play, followed by Mass and lunch (provided). Join us on the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of the month from **10am - 1pm**. This group is run by Family Life International at their 'St Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies' in Pukekohe Auckland. First session will be on Tuesday 29th of April.
Contact Amie for the address: 027 350 8227; werthenextgen@gmail.com

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A, 12th July 2026

Sowing the Seeds of God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose .

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10-14

R/. Some seeds fell into rich soil, and produced its crop Alleluia

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Acclamation:- Matthew 11:25 Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Speak, Lord your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. .
Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Literacy Aotearoa (RYALT) seeking a tutor

- Training is provided online and is free.
- Face-to-Face coaching takes place in a public place like the Library, or maybe a Hub if the community has one. Some of our students don't have devices to use to be online.
- Coaching sessions are one on one - no groups or classes.
- It's up to the coach and student to come to an agreement on how often they meet and for how long.
- The average session lasts about an hour.
- We don't have a curriculum - instead we focus on what the student feels they need to work on. It could be filling in forms, trying to pass a drivers licence, learning to read (some of our students are beginners), becoming more confident with writing especially in spelling.

For more information please contact

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Please contact Father Robert as soon as possible in planning your marriage.

Notices & Remembrances Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to minu_mathew@hotmail.com or text to 021 926 935 – Minu Mathew

Church Notices

We are also looking for volunteers to assist as **Ministers of the Word** and **Eucharistic Ministers**.

If you're able to help, please contact:

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Your support is greatly appreciated!